

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 22, 2002 has been reviewed and carefully considered. By this amendment, applicant has amended claims 1 -5, canceled claims 6-9 and 16-18, and added new claim 20. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Poetsch (U.S. Patent No. 4,875,102). Applicant respectfully quotes the Examiner's comments with respect to Poetsch for "disclosing a first scanning device (see fig. 5 and col. 5., lines 50-68; note scanning device 14 scans cinematographic film frames)...." and "a second scanning device (see fig 5 and col. 6, lines 1-3; note scanning device 8 scans sprocket holes)....." Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's citation of elements of Poetsch. Referring to Figure 5, a scanning device 14 detects feature unsteadiness, and can consist of a light source 15 on one side of the film and a light sensor on the other side of the film, opposite lights source 15. Applicant cannot find any reference in Poetsch that suggests the use of two separate light sources for two separate and distinct scanning devices. As a matter of fact, Poetsch teaches in Figures 6-13 the use of a single light source 50, 75, 80 or 90. As such, Poetsch clearly teaches away of applicant's claimed invention in which independent 1 claim includes a first and second scanning device having separate and distinct light sources. Furthermore, with respect to independent claim 10, Poetsch does not disclose or suggest the use of two separate and distinct scanning devices for scanning different parts of the film. Withdrawal of the rejection and early allowance on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Poetsch in view of Tanaka. As described above, Poetsch does not disclose or suggest the use of two separate and distinct scanning devices. As such, this claim is not obvious in view of Poetsch taken singly or in combination with any other reference. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

New independent claim 20 has been added to the application. New claim 20 recites, inter alia, a first and second scanning device. Early allowance on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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